

Remarks

Following the above amendments, claims 2, 11, 13-15, 17, and 20 are pending in this application. Claims 2, 11, 17, and 20 have been objected to as being allowable but for their dependence on a rejected base claim. Claims 13-15 have been allowed.

A. Claims 2, 11, 17, and 20

Applicants acknowledge the Examiner's indication that claims 2, 11, 17, and 20 are allowable but for their dependence on a rejected base claim. Accordingly, claims 2, 11, 17, and 20 have been amended such that these claims no longer depend, either directly or indirectly, from a rejected base claim. Claim 2 has been amended to include all of the limitations of claim 1. Claim 11 has been amended to include all of the limitations of claim 8. Before the above amendments, claim 17 depended from claim 16. Claim 17 has been amended herein to become an independent claim and to include all of the limitations of claim 16. Claim 20 depends from claim 17. Because of the amendment to claim 17, claim 20 is not amended herein. Applicants submit that amended claims 2, 7, 11, and 20 are in condition for allowance and should be passed to issuance.

B. Claims 13-15

Applicants acknowledge the examiner's indication that claims 13-15 are allowed. Claims 14 and 15 have been amended herein to reflect the fact that these claims depend from claim 13, and not claim 12.

C. Cancelled Claims

The remaining claims of the application have been cancelled.

Conclusion

Applicants respectfully submit that claims 2, 11, 13-15, 17, and 20 should be passed to issuance.

Respectfully submitted,



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